REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12, 13, 15-16, 19-24, 26, 27, 30, 32-39, 41, 42, 44-45, 47-54, 56, 57, and 59-64 are pending in the present application. By this Response, independent claims 1, 16, 26, 30 and 45 are amended in accordance with the agreement reached with Examiner Pollack during the telephone interview conducted with Examiner Pollack on May 11, 2011 to emphasize and further clarify the reporting and comparison features of the present invention and further define the local and remote probes. Support for these amendments may be found at least at page 7, lines 14-21 and page 16, lines 1-6. Claims 5, 8, 19, 22, 34, 37, 38, 47-54, 56-57, and 59-64 are amended for clarification and to be consistent with the amendments made to the respective independent claims. Claims 2, 17-18, 29, 31, and 46 are canceled.

No new matter has been added by any of the above amendments. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants thank Examiner Pollack for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the May 11, 2011 telephone interview and the helpful suggestions provided by Examiner Pollack with regard to suggested amendments to the claims to overcome the rejections set forth in the previous Office Action. Applicants a sent proposed claim amendment to claim 1 to Examiner Pollack for review on May 16, 2011 and in Response, Examiner Pollack agreed that the proposed claim amendment overcomes the rejections set forth in the previous Office Action by his statement that the amendments "look good" (see attached copy of email correspondence). This amendment is included in the above amendments to the claims and similar amendments are made to the other independent claims. Thus, it is Applicants' understanding that Examiner Pollack agrees that the amended claims now define over the alleged combination of references and the rejections set forth in the previous Office Action. Therefore, unless more relevant art is found in an updated search, the application now stands in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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